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PURGE YOUR SPURGE! MYRTLE SPURGE/NATIVE PLANT EXCHANGE **April 26th, 10am-4pm**

This April, don't miss out on a great opportunity to purge your spurge and rid your garden of myrtle spurge (or as some call it donkey tail spurge) and receive free Utah native plants in exchange! Myrtle spurge (*Euphorbia myrsinites*) is a highly invasive garden plant that is rapidly spreading in our foothills and canyons. Recently listed as a noxious weed in Salt Lake County, this non-native species out-competes native vegetation by forming large dense infestations that decrease plant diversity and wildlife habitat.

Join the Bonneville CWMA and its' partners at REI in Salt Lake City as we work to protect our canyons by preventing the spread of myrtle spurge in our foothills. On April 26th, 2008 bring your bagged myrtle spurge to REI at 3285 East 3300 South, where volunteers will be on hand to take your plants and in exchange give you 1 of 3 plant mixes containing 5 Utah native plants. Choose from 3 plant communities: Full sun/ buckwheat mix, full sun/ penstemon mix, and part shade/ columbine mix. Each mix contains a variety of outstanding Utah natives, carefully selected for similar water, soil, and exposure needs. In addition, receive a planting guide and learn about noxious and invasive species in Salt Lake and what you can do to help prevent their spread. For more information contact Salt Lake County Weed Program staff at 801-468-2861 or on the web at www.weeds.slco.org.

